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SUBJ: SMITHSONIAN FOLKFIFE FESTIVAL

REF: STATE 195331

1. MINCUL OFFICIALS INFORMED SUBSTANCE REFTEL. PLAN
DISCUSS WITH SENE UPON HIS RETURN DAKAR AUGUST 10 AND WILL
FINALIZE LIST 29 PARTICIPANTS. POST STRESSED AFRICAN
DIASPORA CONCERN LAST MINUTE CHANGES AND SUBSTITUTIONS.

2. GOS HAS HAD LONG-STANDING COMMITMENT FOR SOUNDIOULOU
CISSOKO AND MAHAWA KOUATE PERFORM IRAN WHICH NOW FALLS SAME
TIME AS FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL. RECEIVED ASSURANCES BANNA
CISSOKO AS GOOD IF NOT BETTER KORA PLAYER. MINCUL
OFFICIALS MAKING EFFORT REINSTATE FATOU THIAM SAMB. AL-
THOUGH TAILOR WAS SUGGESTION OF MINISTER, MAKING ATTEMPT
ELIMINATE.

3. IN ABSENCE FURTHER DOCUMENTS IN FILE AND DEPARTURE CAO
WHO WAS HALDING PROJECT, WOULD APPRECIATE INFO RE LOGISTICS.
ASSUME SMITHSONIAN FORWARDING THROUGH PAN AM OFFICES 29
PREPAID TICKETS. NEED ETA FOR GROUP WASHINGTON IN ORDER
EXPEDITE ISSUANCE VISAS. THEY REQUEST AUGUST 20 EAT
VIA AIR AFRIQUE FLIGHT. INFORMED TRAVEL BY NON-AMERICAN
CARRIER NOT POSSIBLE TO WHICH THEY RESPONDED PANAM HAS
ARRANGEMENT AIR AFRIQUE AND PERHAPS THIS INSTANCE EXCEPTION
COULD BE MADE. ADVISE.
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ALL EXPRESSED CONCERN RE DETAILS SINCE THEY HAVE RECEIVED
NO CORRESPONDENCE FROM FRANKLIN.
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